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DEPT PASS WHITE HOUSE

E.O. 116528,GDS  
TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)  
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

REF: (A) STATE 55126, (B) STATE 57368, (C) LAGOS 2816,  
23D) STATE 51792, (E) STATE 57563

1. CONTENTS V4-'S 2,3,5,6, 10 AND 11 OF REFTEL A GIVEN TO  
THE AMERICAS DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR MUSA ON MARCH 7. HE WILL TRY  
TO HAVE REACTION OF PLANNING COMMITTEE BY THURSDAY NOON, MARCH 9.  
IN CONSIDERING REDUCTION OF CEREMONIES AT AIRPORT AND AT XUDAN  
BARRACKS, HE ASKED AT WHICH OCCASION THE PRESIDENT WILL DELIVER  
HIS ARRIVAL REMARKS.

2. PARA 4, REFTEL A. WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY VERY IMPORTANT  
TO NIGERIANS AND PART OF THEIR TRADITION FOR HEAD OF STATE  
VISITS. MEMORIAL WAS ERECTED IN MEMORY OF ALL NIGERIAN  
WAR DEAD AND UNKNOWN SOLDIER. IT WAS ORIGINALLY LOCATED  
AT TINEBU SQUARE AND WAS MOVED ONLY RECENTLY TO TAFAWA  
BALEWA SQUARE.

3. PARA 8, REFTEL A. NIGERIANS AGREE THAT ALL MEMBERS  
OF OFFICIAL AND PRESIDENTIAL PARTY WILL TRAVEL TO KANO  
AT SAME TIME. THEY WERE UNDER IMPRESSION, HOWEVER, THAT  
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PRESS PLANE WOULD PRECEDE PARTY. THEY ALSO THOUGHT OTHERS,  
SUCH AS MEDIA TECHNICIANS, WOULD WISH TO GO EARLIER TO SET UP  
EQUIPMENT.

4. PARAS 9 AND 13, REFTEL A BEING ADDRESSED BY SEPTTEL.

5. PARA 1 OF REFTTEL B HAS BEEN ADDRESSED BY SEPTTEL.

6. PARA 3, REFTTEL B. CONFERENCE HALL IN NATIONAL THEATER CAN ACCOMMODATE 2,000 BUT SEATS ARE MOVABLE SHOULD PRE-ADVANCE TEAM DECIDE ON SMALLER AUDIENCE.

7. MEA PLANNING COMMITTEE WANTS TO KNOW HOW MANY PASSENGER, PRESS

AND CARGO PLANES WILL BE ARRIVING IN CONNECTION PRESIDENT'S VISITS?  
WILL THERE BE A BACK-UP PLANE FOR AIR FORCE ONE?

8. PARAS 6 AND 7, REFTTEL D AND PARA 3, REFTTEL E. ACCORDING TO PLANNING COMMITTEE, VISAS CANNOT BE WAIVED. HOWEVER, IF ALL PASSPORTS, TOGETHER WITH LIST OF NAMES ARE SUBMITTED TO

NIGERIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON, VISA ISSUANCE WILL BE EXPEDITED.  
IN ADDITION TO SHOT RECORDS, CURRENT SMALLPOX AND YELLOW FEVER SHOTS, CIVILIANS REQUIRE CHOLERA SHOTS.  
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